

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By _____

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 670, Page 1, Section 162.720, Line 15, by
2 inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "171.031. 1. Each school board shall prepare annually a calendar for the school term,
5 specifying the opening date and providing a minimum term of at least one hundred seventy-four
6 days for schools with a five-day school week or one hundred forty-two days for schools with a four-
7 day school week, and one thousand forty-four hours of actual pupil attendance. In addition, such
8 calendar shall include six make-up days for possible loss of attendance due to inclement weather as
9 defined in subsection 1 of section 171.033.

10 2. (1) Each local school district may set its opening date each year, which date shall be no
11 earlier than ten calendar days prior to the first Monday in September. No public school district shall
12 select an earlier start date unless, for school years before school year 2018-19, the district follows
13 the procedure set forth in subsection 3 of this section. The procedure set forth in subsection 3 of
14 this section shall be unavailable to school districts in preparing their calendars for school year 2018-
15 19 and for subsequent years.

16 (2) For calendars for school year 2018-19 and for subsequent years:

17 (a) Each school district may set its closing date each year; and

18 (b) Such closing date shall be no later than the Friday immediately prior to the last Monday
19 in May.

20 3. For calendars for school years before school year 2018-19, a district may set an opening
21 date that is more than ten calendar days prior to the first Monday in September only if the local
22 school board first gives public notice of a public meeting to discuss the proposal of opening school
23 on a date more than ten days prior to the first Monday in September, and the local school board
24 holds said meeting and, at the same public meeting, a majority of the board votes to allow an earlier
25 opening date. If all of the previous conditions are met, the district may set its opening date more
26 than ten calendar days prior to the first Monday in September. The condition provided in this
27 subsection must be satisfied by the local school board each year that the board proposes an opening
28 date more than ten days before the first Monday in September.

29 4. If any local district violates the provisions of this section, the department of elementary
30 and secondary education shall withhold an amount equal to one quarter of the state funding the
31 district generated under section 163.031 for each date the district was in violation of this section.

32 5. The provisions of subsections 2 to 4 of this section shall not apply to school districts in
33 which school is in session for twelve months of each calendar year.

34 6. The state board of education may grant an exemption from this section to a school district
35 that demonstrates highly unusual and extenuating circumstances justifying exemption from the
36 provisions of subsections 2 to 4 of this section. Any exemption granted by the state board of

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1 education shall be valid for one academic year only.

2 7. No school day for schools with a five-day school week shall be longer than seven hours
3 except for vocational schools which may adopt an eight-hour day in a metropolitan school district
4 and a school district in a first class county adjacent to a city not within a county, and any school that
5 adopts a four-day school week in accordance with section 171.029."; and

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7 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
8 accordingly.
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